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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BURNED US CURRENCY FROM CAMBODIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TELEPHONE QUERY FROM OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN MOSS (D-CALIF) INQUIRING ABOUT VERIFICATION OF STORY GIVEN TO MOSS THAT US GREENBACKS, ALLEGEDLY STOLEN FROM US FORCES IN CAMBODIA, WERE BEING PEDDLED OVERSEAS. DEPTOFF RESPONDED IN GENERAL VEIN THAT A) THERE ARE NO US FORCES IN CAMBODIA AND B) THE US EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH DOES NOT AND HAS NOT DEALT IN GREENBACKS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER RECALLED FOR THE CONGRESSMAN'S ASSISTANT THE FACT THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF BURNED US GREENBACKS HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE PRG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSIES WHICH WERE SACKED BY CAMBODIAN STREET MOBS ON MARCH 11, 1970. DEPTOFF RECALLED THAT A NUMBER OF THESE CHARRED BILLS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY SHOWN UP WORLDWIDE FOR REDEMPTION AND THAT THE US TREASURY HAD REFUSED TO REDEEM IN THE AB-
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SENCE OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE AS TO HOW THE BILLS WERE

OBTAINED.

2. DEPTOFF ELICITED A VAGUE PROMISE FROM HIS INTERLOCUTOR FOR MORE SPECIFICS. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION CONGEN MAY HAVE INDICATING THAT THE CURRENCY THAT WAS BURNED IN CAMBODIA IN 1970 IS BEGINNING TO MAKE THE ROUNDS AGAIN. CASEY

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